

**JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050**  
**JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

May 13, 2026

Members Present: Justin Beethe, Gail Hutt, Dan Jones, Jon Schmid, Sarah Weber, Kim Wellensiek

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Justin Damme, High School Principal; Marsha Bacon, 4-8 Principal; Rebecca Robeson, PreK-3 Principal; Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education; Garret Collin, Activity Director; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology.

Three visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026 in the high school room 204, Tecumseh, Nebraska. A current copy of the agenda was available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the three main school buildings as well as the Tecumseh and Cook Post Offices. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Nemaha Valley Observer and on the school district website.

President Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted. Roll call was taken. Justin Beethe-present, Gail Hutt-present, Dan Jones-present, Jon Schmid-present, Sarah Weber-present, Kim Wellensiek-present.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reviewed the financial report and answered questions regarding the claims for payment listings. A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to approve the General Fund Claims for payment in the amount of \$976,086.58 and Building Fund in the amount of \$66,911.65 as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones to approve the Johnson County Central Lunch Fund payment for preschool snacks in the amount of \$681.75 as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-no, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 5-1.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Gail Hutt to approve the April 2026, regular Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

**PRESENTATION to the BOARD**

Megan Boldt, Director of ALICAP and Sherri Shonka from Public Risk Management presented to the Board of Education about ALICAP Insurance. ALICAP provides workers compensation, property, liability, errors and omissions, auto, crime, pollution and cyber security coverage for Johnson County Central Public Schools. Megan Boldt provided the history of the insurance pool and talked about the advantages of being part of the pool.

Currently there are 197 plus schools and ESUs who are part of ALICAP. Sherri Shonka of Public Risk Management provided an overview of the program structure. In 2025 1.7 million in dividends were distributed to members of ALICAP. Board of Education members were provided an opportunity to have their questions answered regarding ALICAP. Mr. Rother and Laurie Badertscher conveyed their contentment and appreciation for the ALICAP pool. The customer service is professional and timely.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

High School Principal, Mr. Damme reported on the following:

- Senior class end of year information.
- Graduation – May 9, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m. High School Gym
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation – May 6, 2026
- JCC High School Honors Day – May 1, 2026 -2:30 p.m.
- Summer School
- Driver's Education
- FFA students to NRCSA
- HOSA-Future Health Professionals: Harley Reyes, first alternate (national qualifier)
- FFA Agri Science Fair national qualifiers: Reece Badertscher, Ashley Beethe, Adree Case, Cooper Jones, Levi Othmer, Brianna Robeson, Saige Rother, Sophia Schmid, Wesley Schmid, Molly Weber, Riley Wellensiek, Catherine Wendt
- ECNC Student Art Day
- Levi Othmer named 2026-27 Nebraska FFA Vice-President
- Nebraska Class C All State Honor Band – Cameron Werner
- JAG Program

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Bacon reported on the following:

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Law Day
- Golden Sower competition
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic
- MS track records
- ECNC Honor band
- BIST
- Science Fair
- K-6 Track and Field Day
- Honors Day Program – May 18<sup>th</sup>
- CKLA and Amplify ELA curriculum
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Elementary Principal, Mrs. Robeson provided information on the following:

- Preschool updates
- Kindergarten Round-Up
- Spring Testing
- Field Trips

- Music programs
- Book Blast
- The NED Show (Never Give Up, Encourage Others, Do Your Best)
- Golden Sower Competition
- NRD – Plant a tree presentation
- Teach Children to Save program- Nebraska Bankers Association
- First-State Bank presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- CW-FIT-Positive reinforcement study (University of Kansas)

Special Education Director / Student Services Director, Dr. Laura Rademacher reported on the following:

- NSCAS
- LightSpeed – TOPCATS/REDCATS
- Targeted Improvement Plan (TIPS)
- NASES
- ESU 4 – Planning Region Team
- School Psychologist Search
- IEPs and 504 work
- Nebraska Reads Report
- Non-Public Consultation Meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup>
- SPEDFRS – State reporting

Activities Director, Mr. Collin reported on the following:

- District Track
- Elementary Track and Field Day - May 15<sup>th</sup>
- District Golf - May 19<sup>th</sup>
- State Track - May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- State Golf - May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Auburn Public Schools – Behavior Program
- Superintendent Evaluation completed by JCC Staff
- Shared computer drive
- Jerry McCall (Ed Consulting Serv.) meeting with area schools and Economic Dev. Teams
- Summer renovations
- JCC taxable valuation history
- Health van screenings
- ALICAP Loss Control Observation report
- Technology report
- Middle School roof repair estimates
- Building and Grounds report

## **FUTURE DATES**

- KSB Golf Tournament – June 4<sup>th</sup>
- NASB School Law Seminar – June 11<sup>th</sup>
- DA Davidson Golf Outing – June 25<sup>th</sup>

- ALICAP Workshop – July 9<sup>th</sup>

## **REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Jon Schmid to terminate the services provided by Educational Consulting Services, Jerry McCall. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent Rother reviewed the following policies: Policy 3022-Volunteers; Policy 3023-Record Management and Retention; Policy 4020-Ownership of Copyrighted Words; Policy 4022-Certification; Policy 5019-Communicating with Parents; Policy 5020-Rights of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents; Policy 6012-Flag Display and Patriotic Observances; Policy 6013-Controversial Issues. Discussion was held regarding policy 6012 and 6013. No changes were needed.

Discussion was held regarding the 2026-2027 school calendar. A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Justin Beethe to make the following changes to the 2026-2027 calendar. May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> will be teacher work days. May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for students. Roll call vote Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

Superintendent Jon Rother and Activity Director Garrett Collin, led a discussion regarding the ECNC Conference members. Freeman will be leaving the ECNC Conference beginning the 2026-2027 school year. Palmyra has applied to join the Capital Conference. If Palmyra is accepted, the conference members would be JCC, Auburn, Falls City, Mead, Elmwood-Murdock and Weeping Water. The ECNC has formally invited Cedar Bluffs, Omaha Brownell-Talbot, Omaha Christian Academy, Nebraska City Lourdes and Southern to join the ECNC conference. Current ECNC members are committed to the conference.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones to approve the 2025-2026 Classified Staff Contract for Mr. Phillip Buck for the position of Technology Integration Specialist as presented. Roll call vote Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:45 p.m.

Wellensiek called the meeting back to order at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Rother and the Board of Education reviewed the latest plans for a new PreK-9 building as designed by Clark Enersen. The Opinion of Probable Construction Costs was also provided. Discussion was held and no action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Justin Beethe to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

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